The yearwise budget of the ITDC for advertising and break-up of the amount spent during the last three years is as under:—

Rupees in lakhs

Year	Budget	Amount spent through private advertising agencies
1983-84	55·00	58·23
1984-85	56·00	45·24
1985-86	56·00	41·91

As per guidelines of the Bureau of Public Enterprises, ITDC is using only the services of private agencies accredited to the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity.

Consultative status with ECOSOC, a U.N. Body sought for by a Sikh organisation of Nairobi

675. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unknown Sikh organisation with Nairobi as its headquarters has sought consultative status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), a U.N. Body;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with U.N.; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Sikh Commonwealth World Wide (SCWW) has shifted its Headquarters to England from Kenya, where it was set up in 1975.

(b) Government had taken up the matter with the member-countries of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations and with the UN Secretariat.

(c) As a result of our efforts, and the support of all our friends, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations unanimously rejected the application. Government deeply appreciates the role of all member countries represented on the Committee.

Export of textiles to USSR

676. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity and value of textiles exported to USSR during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to increase the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A Statement is attached as Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A Statement is attached as Statement-II (*See* below).